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☞ Another original story of great interest, by the author of "Mary Sinclair's Experience," will be published in next week's *Ploughman*.

☞ The Massachusetts Legislature took a recess on Wednesday last for the purpose of visiting the Agricultural College at Amherst.

IMPEACHMENT.

The President of the United States stands impeached by the House of Representatives of high crimes and misdemeanors.

The proximate cause and occasion of this solemn accusation against the first officer of the government, was for a violation of the tenure of office act arising out of the difficulties which have for some time existed between the President and Mr. Stanton, Secretary of War. Last Friday the President brought affairs to a crisis, by an unexpected order removing Mr. Stanton, and appointing Gen. Lorenzo Thomas in his place. The Secretary claims that the President cannot legally remove him and refuses to vacate, and is sustained in this refusal by Congress. This act is recited as the reason and ground of impeachment, in the report adopted by the House, although we presume the prosecution will not be confined to that one cause. It is the desire of the President as well as of his opponents that the cause should proceed at once to final determination. The trial will take place before the Senate as the high Court of Impeachment, without any unnecessary delay.

THE WASHINGTONIAN HOME.

This year's report of the charitable corporation known as the "Washingtonian Home" presents an interesting statement of the origin, history, purposes, aims and accomplishments of the institution under their charge. It originated at the time of the very interesting temperance revival, if we may so call it, when Mr. John Hawkins and a few associates, calling themselves Washingtonian temperance men, commenced their labors of reform, having first by a noble effort and strong will, freed themselves from the influence of the most degrading of vices. The interest and enthusiasm aroused and felt in the cause which was eloquently advocated by these men, probably had more influence in promoting the cause of temperance than the labors of years preceding. Their labors were extended all over the country, and thousands upon thousands of inebriates were by their efforts permanently reformed. The institution was named in fitting tribute to the noble service rendered those men to the cause.

From small beginnings this society has grown comparatively prosperous. They commenced their labors twenty-five years ago, and now they have a large and commodious building worth $25,000, and other property available for use amounting to several thousands more. They have admitted and treated about three thousand patients; men from nearly every calling in life—professional men, seafaring men, mechanics—have all been there. And we are happy to read that of all their patients, by far the larger number have remained steadfast in their abjuration of the vice, and have most of them been restored to health and happiness and many to usefulness.

It is not alone the poor and outcast who need and who resort to an institution of this kind, but there are many connected with our best families who equally need the same protection, and it is desirable to enlarge the accommodations and usefulness of such an institution, so as to enable them to extend its advantages to all who may apply. The State in its liberality has of late appropriated annually the sum of six thousand dollars in aid of these purposes, and to a certain extent it is a public and State Institution. The object is a liberal and noble one, and the board of officers and managers comprises some of the most benevolent and philanthropic men in our community, and gentlemen under whose judicious management the public can be assured that every resource available is most advantageously applied to the promotion of the cause.

SAD OCCURRENCE AT AUGUSTA.—Last Sunday morning in the Insane Asylum at Augusta, two of the inmates, Catherine Hurley and Mrs. Peaslee, were left together in one of the rooms. Shortly after one of the attendants entered the hall, and found Mrs. Peaslee lying on the floor lifeless. Miss Hurley had hold of her hair, and was beating her head against the floor. She was placed in close confinement, and was unconscious of the horrible deed she had perpetrated. Mrs. Peaslee's face was also terribly mangled. The deceased was a resident of Westbrook, and was 55 years of age, and had been in the asylum only a short time. Miss Hurley came from Bangor, and was admitted the 10th of this month. She is 25 years of age, a native of Ireland, and had been insane only six weeks, and up to this time had shown no signs of violence.

A LONG RACE.—A match was recently made for $1000 between the horses "Empire State," owned by Mr. Geo. Wesson, of Worcester, and "Ivanhoe," owned by Mr. Foster, of this city. The race was made to test the endurance of the horses, and the distance agreed upon was that between the Charles River Hotel, in Brighton, and Washington Square in Worcester—about thirty-seven miles. The race was trotted last Saturday, and was won by the Worcester horse, who made the distance in two hours and twenty-four minutes. Ivanhoe was withdrawn after making two-thirds of the distance. The winning horse died the same night at Worcester.

CONGRESS.

Another bill was introduced in the Senate last week by Mr. Wilson, to provide for the admission of Alabama. Referred to the Judiciary committee. The long debated question of the admission of Ex-Gov. Thomas of Maryland, as a member of the Senate from that State was settled on the 19th by a vote of 28 to 21 rejecting him.

The debate in the Senate on the amended reconstruction bill was resumed on the 20th. The debate on this subject occupied most of the business hours of the Senate for the latter part of last week and on Monday and Tuesday.

The order of the President removing Secretary Stanton from the war office was sent to the Senate on Friday by Mr. Stanton, and after a long debate the Senate adopted a resolution that under the constitution and laws of the United States the President had no power to remove the Secretary and appoint another officer in his place.

On Monday the President, in reply to the resolution of the Senate, sent in a message protesting against such a resolution, further defining his position, and stating that the object of his act in removing the Secretary and appointing a successor *ad interim* was to bring the legal question of the constitutionality of the tenure of office law before the Supreme Court, the final arbiter fixed by the constitution for the dertermination of such questions. He said in conclusion, "If what was possible had been certain, if I had been fully advised when I removed Mr. Stanton, that in thus defending the trust committed to my hands, my own removal was soon to follow, I could not have hesitated, actuated by public considerations of the highest character."

In the House the Legislative appropriation bill has been passed, one feature of which was to increase by 20 per cent the compensation of the employees of both Houses. The army appropriation bill was also passed last week after a debate of part of two days. The bill appropriates about thirty-three million dollars.

The naval appropriation bill was also taken up and somewhat debated on the 21st but before it was fully considered, the House turned its whole attention to the action to be taken upon the conduct of the President in the removal of Mr. Stanton.

An international copyright law was introduced on the 21st, providing for the privilege of copyright in this country to residents of those foreign countries which will reciprocate the same advantages.

In the House on the 22nd, Mr. Stevens, from the reconstruction committee, reported that the President ought to be impeached for the act done by him on Friday in instructing Gen. Thomas to assume the office of Secretary of War, contrary to the provisions of the tenure of office law. The report was signed by all the committee, and recommended a resolution to be passed by the House in accordance with the report. Thereupon, debate was commenced upon this engrossing topic, which was participated in by the leading members of the House, amidst intense excitement everywhere pervading all parties. The debate continued till a late hour on Saturday, and was closed on Monday by Mr. Stevens. The vote was taken at five o'clock Monday on the resolution of impeachment, 126 voting in favor of it, and 47 against. The following resolutions were then adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of twelve be appointed to go to the Senate, and at the bar thereof, in the name of the House of Representatives and of all of the people of the United States, to impeach Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, of high crimes and misdemeanors in office; and that said committee do demand that the Senate take order for the appearance of said Andrew Johnson to answer said impeachment.

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to prepare and report articles of impeachment against Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, with power to send for persons, papers and records and to take testimony under oath.

The committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Stevens, Boutwell, Bingham Wilson of Iowa, Logan, Julian and Ward.

Tuesday the committee of the House notified the Senate of the resolution of impeachment adopted by the House.

The Senate passed the reconstruction bill on Tuesday, and in the House the naval appropriation bill was passed. The House was further engaged on Tuesday in the preliminaries of the impeachment programme.

FIRES. Last Sunday morning, a fire in East Boston destroyed the Suffolk Planing Mills, one of the most extensive establishments of the kind in the city. The fire communicated to a block of brick tenements, occupied by sixteen families, who were entirely burnt out and the block was destroyed. Besides the planing business there were quite a number of mechanical occupations carried on in parts of the buildings occupied by other parties, who lost their stock and tools to a considerable extent. The mill property was owned by Manson & Peterson. The whole loss was about $90,000, $50,000 of which was insured, mostly in New England offices.

A nail mill recently erected in Bellaire, Ohio, and in operation but a few weeks, was totally destroyed by fire Saturday night. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. The loss is estimated at $10,000; partially insured.

The large six story malt house of John G Wittle & Son, in Albany, was totally destroyed by fire at two o'clock Sunday morning. It contained barley, malt, etc., to the value of $126,000, which was a total loss. The building was valued at $60,000. The loss of the first is over $100,000 above insurance. The National Insurance Company, of Boston, lose $6000.

Fire broke out last Saturday evening in Breed Block, in Toledo. This block, together with the one adjoining, was entirely destroyed. Loss $30,000; insured $20,000. About three o'clock a second fire occurred in Blossom Block. This block, which was the finest in the city and just completed, was damaged with its contents to the extent of $100,000.

A fire occurred Monday morning in the "notion" store of Wait, Shelby & Co., St. Louis, which destroyed pretty much all of the stock and badly damaged the adjoining furnishing store of W. Goldstein on the north, and the hat and cap store of J. B. Coblents & Co., on the south. Two or three other stores were also damaged. The total loss was $75,000.

Mackey's livery stable on Sixth avenue, New York, was burned Sunday night, together with twenty-three horses, several carriages, coaches, wagons and harnesses. Two adjoining buildings were badly damaged. The total loss was about $30,000.

☞ Mr. John N. Bradley, for several years publisher of the Boston *Daily Mail*, died recently in San Francisco from starvation. He was found dead in a scantily furnished room. His garments, insufficient to protect him from the cold, were worn threadbare, and his form was attenuated almost to a skeleton. He was hurriedly interred at the city expense before any one who knew him knew that he was dead. Attaches of the San Francisco press propose to have the body disinterred that it may be placed in a more suitable resting place.

AUCTION SALES OF REAL ESTATE.—George R. Hichborn & Co., auctioneers of this city sold by auction on Tuesday, the three and a half story brick houses Nos. 43 and 45 South Cedar Street, for $7980, to Messrs. Gibson and Doane; Hichborn & Co. also sold the brick house No. 41 Middlesex street, corner of Lucas street, for $2950, to H. S. Haven.

LEGISLATIVE.

The Governor has vetoed the bill to abolish the office of State constable. The veto message gave as the reasons of the veto, because he was convinced that the great body of the people of Massachusetts have indicated no desire for the abolishment of the State Constabulary; because, in his judgment, the public interest and safety demand additional means for sure and speedy detection and punishment of crime, and because, in the event of the passage of any such law of regulation as is obviously expected by the people, the protection of the public, the faith of the State, and the rights of individuals should not be imperilled by entrusting its execution to municipal officers.

Consideration of the veto message was postponed.

The Senate has passed the bill concerning the laying and widening and improving streets, known as the betterment law, also several appropriation bills received from the House.

In the House the bill authorizing school committees to appoint women as visitors to public schools was rejected by a vote of 101 to 78.

The license bill has occupied the attention of the House every afternoon, the question of debate still being on the second section of the bill, placing the power of licensing in the hands of the selectmen of towns and Mayor and Aldermen of cities. A large number of members have spoken on the subject, and there has been a free expression of opinion on both sides. The great trouble to be apprehended, in the view of the oppenents of the second section, is that the system proposed would continually bring a dangerous element into town elections. The preponderance of opinion as expressed in debate has been against the town plan, but no substitute has been agreed upon as yet, although some progress had been made in clearing away many unacceptable amendments.

The business in both Houses other than the debate in the license bill has been of a routine character, as many important measures which will lead to debate are yet in the hands of committees.

THE MAGAZINES.

PUTNAM'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE, for March, has a fine steel engraving of D. Huntington, one of the leading artists of New York. The articles are, Science and Religion, The Three Wrens; Jewels of the Deep; My Love and I; American Traits as seen from abroad; Hereafter; Imagination and Language; Too True; a Novel, ch. 5 and 6; Maternity; Juan Fernandez and Robinson Crusoe; What a Newspaper should be; City Postal Service in the United States; Our Artists, and a number of others. Putnam's is published at $4.00 a year by G. P. Putnam & Son, New York. It is rapidly gaining the prosperous position it had in former years before its suspension.

HARPER'S MONTHLY for March, has articles entitled the Minnesota Pineries, The Restigouche; profusely illustrated with fine wood engravings. There is a sketch of Queen Victoria's life in the Highlands, also handsomely illustrated. The Woman's Kingdom by Miss Muloch, is continued, and there is a list of other articles, tales, sketches, essays, etc., to please every taste. Received from A. Williams & Co., 100 Washington street.

☞ The contents of the ATLANTIC MONTHLY for March, are John Chinaman, M. D., an account of the way the Chinese practice medicine in California; Rockweeds; A Conversation on the Stage; George Silverman's Explanation, part 3, by Dickens; By Ways of Europe, by Bayard Taylor; John o' the Smithy; The Old Philadelphia Library; Flotsam and Jetsam, part 3; Cretan Days, No. 2: The Sequel to an Old English State Trial; The Tenth of January; The Household Lamp; Free Mission; Some of the Wonders of Modern Surgery; Reviews and Literary Notices. Boston, Ticknor & Fields.

THE NORTH BRITISH REVIEW for January, is republished by the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, 140 Fulton street, New York. Some of the articles are, Dangers of Democracy, The Two Temporal Powers, The Church in Scotland, Extradition, The Origin of Electricity, The Abyssinian Difficulty, and Contemporary Literature, made up of short reviews of the quarterly production in all departments of science and literature.

☞ OUR YOUNG FOLKS for March, has the second part of the Holiday Romance, by Dickens, Cast away in the Cold, part 8, by Dr. Hayes, and the usual variety of the most entertaining matter for juveniles, and even for adults. A number of fine and characteristic illustrations adorn the number, and there are two pieces of music by Julius Eichberg, the principal of the Conservatory of Music, and teacher of music in the Boston schools. Our Young Folks is steadily gaining in popularity, and the enterprise of the publishers is to be commended for securing such talent in their service. Boston, Ticknor & Fields.

☞ GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK for March, has the usual variety of handsomely illustrated fashion plates, designs and patterns for domestic and fancy work. The literary portion leads off with one of Marion Harland's tales, and several excellent tales, sketches, poems, etc., by other writers. We always find something valuable in the domestic department. This magazine contains a combination of attractions and merit not found in any other periodical.

☞ THE GALAXY for March, contains: Steven Lawrence, Yeoman, by Mrs. Edwards; John Bright at Home, by Richard J. Hinton; Worthless Laurels, by Kate Putnam Osgood; Some celebrated Shrews; A deserted Plantation; The Secret History of a Subsidized Organ; The ballad of Sir Ralf; Words and their Uses, by Richard Grant White; Elder Knapp, the Revivalist; How Lamirande was Caught; Southern Troubles and their Remedy, by James O. Noyes; Semele; The Manners of the Day, by the Editor; Nebulæ, by the Editor. Published by W. C. & F. P. Church, No. 39 Park Row, New York, at $3.50 a year.

☞ We have received from A. Williams & Co., a small pamphlet, entitled "I was Lean, and I became Stout," illustrating the principles of living, which lead to Health, Growth, and a Long Life. Everything of the kind is an addition to the knowledge of mankind, and this is a very entertaining *morceau*.

☞ PILGRIM STREET is another of the series of the Sunday School Series of juvenile religious works, issued by Henry Hoyt, 9 Cornhill. It is a tale of life in Manchester, England, and is uniform in style of issue with the rest of the series.

☞ We have received from A. Williams & Co., the February number of the AMERICAN NATURALIST, published by the Essex Institute, Salem. The articles are of the usual high and scientific character, so well sustained by this publication. It is handsomely issued, and should be taken by every farmer. Terms, $3.00 a year.

☞ The NURSERY, a monthly magazine for the youngest readers, is published by John L. Shorey, Boston, at $1.50 a year. The March number is before us with finely executed illustrations.

☞ The AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY has been placed on our table. It is devoted to popular instruction and literature. Published by J. W. Schermerhorn & Co., New York, at $1.50 per year. This number has a very good list of practical and instructive articles.

READ AND RUN.

— The Press discussion in the French Legislative Corps creates wide and profound feeling. Government does not allow the newspapers to make up their own reports of the debates.

— Minister Bancroft has concluded a treaty with Prussia, by which the question of naturalization is satisfactorily settled.

— It is not thought that such a thorough arming of France as is rapidly going forward bodes any good to the peace of Europe. Russia and France are not on good terms at all.

— A fast horse—"Empire State"—that trotted from the Mill Dam to Worcester last Saturday, with a sleigh and two men behind him, made the distance in the extraordinary time of two hours and twenty-four minutes, and died the same night. The poor brute deserved a better fate as a reward for his willingness and ambition.

— The town of Weymouth is having a revival of religion.

— Amusements in this city are quite lively at the present time.

— The Germans of Boston enjoyed a masked ball last Tuesday evening, in Music Hall.

— Nearly four thousand persons are daily served with excellent soup at our public tureens, the article costing but eight cents a gallon to make.

— The last was the 136th anniversary of Washington's birthday.

— Somebody appears to be determined to burn up the Sprague mills now erecting at Augusta, Me.

— Buzzard's Bay is reported full of seals. If caught, how would they do to make sealing wax of?

— A wag says Rev. Mr. Tyng is perfectly excusable for breaking over the rules of his church and preaching the gospel to the people of New Jersey.

— Minnesota is trying to preserve the splendid water power at the Falls of St. Anthony, which are breaking away.

— Petroleum waste is making havoc with the shad fisheries in the Schuylkill and Delaware rivers.

— A big freshet, from the large quantities of ice in the river, is predicted among the cities and towns at the upper end of the Hudson.

— The Italian exchequer is in a very bad way. Think of paying King Victor Emanuel three million dollars a year.

— The British government has notified our government so soon of its intention to annul the new postal treaty in a twelvemonth.

— A bird that always faces the storm—the weathercock.

— The American Steamship Company, of this city, are negotiating for the sale of their two steamers.

— The new St. James Hotel of Boston is to rent for fifty thousand dollars, besides the interest on the cost of the furniture.

— Buenos Ayres turns out a hundred thousand pounds of wool for her last year's clip.

— The effects of eating horse flesh for supper—Night-mare.—*Punch.*

— The clergymen in New York receive three thousand dollars apiece for marriage fees per year,—some of them.

— Queen Emma, of the Sandwich Islands, has retired for a long term to an ancient interior city of the Kings of those Islands.

— The American cities are all counting up the number of thousands of idle persons in their midst, and it makes a long and melancholy roll to look over.

— It is said to cost a fee of an old fashioned pinegone to go to the top of Trinity Church steeple in New York. We wouldn't climb it for a quarter.

— They tell a story of a man in the mountains of Virginia who was attacked by wolves, and killed six with his axe before he was finally made hash of by them.

— When a man who had filed a petition for a divorce heard that his wife had brought "a cross petition," he made the remark that nothing could be more like her, for she never did a pleasant thing in her life.

— American drinks are quite popular in Paris now, and they say sudden deaths are too.

— An English firm of enterprise, shipped some eatables to New Zealand, labelled "Canned Missionaries." They went off like hot cakes.

— The boys in New London, Conn., own ten thousand dollars worth of sleds, and have a coasting hill twenty-two hundred feet long.

— Amateur actors perform the "Grand Duchess" on the march of the English army into Abyssinia.

— The Tyng trial, in New York, has caused a good deal of talk, and some discussion besides.

— Spain is trying to get up another insurrection in her northeastern provinces, to put a young grandson of old Don Carlos on the throne in place of the present Isabella.

— In a certain town in Maine, the question is seriously raised whether a man who chews tobacco ought to be permitted to teach the public school. If he chews-es.

— Another attempt is making to take Girard College out of the hands of its present directors and place it in the care of persons to be appointed by the Supreme Court.

— Portland has fairly illustrated the fable of the phœnix, and risen from its ashes.

— Buckwheat cakes are poisoning those who eat them in Kansas, the seeds of the "jampson" weed having been found to be ground.

— The Pope has proscribed short dresses.

— Georgia revels in fresh shad.

— Gerritt Smith has given four thousand dollars more to the library in Oswego.

— Washington excitement of late seems to have absorbed all other. Newspapers sell as they used to in the war time.

— The personal property left by Sir Frederick Bruce, the last British Minister to the United States, was $350,000 in amount.

— The English Parliament is getting ready to treat as best it can a variety of highly important questions.

— Chancellor Walworth, of New York desired in his will that his son should prepare his biography.

— The next Democratic National Convention has been appointed to meet in New York, on the 4th of July.

— Mr. Dickens is safely back in Boston, which he considers his home while in this country, and will commence a new series of readings next week.

— The oldest member of the French bar is M. Berryer, and he is seventy-nine years old.

— Minnesota threatens to rival New Hampshire in the quality of her granite. Some recent discoveries of that reliable material are very satisfactory.

— In order to raise the money to pay her rent, a woman in New York sold her hair. Perhaps her chignon, which *wasn't* hers.

— New York is receiving onions all the way from Germany. That's a "farther land" than Wethersfield.

— Our Western friends say they find snakes in parts of Wisconsin two and a half feet long.

— Business shows signs of reviving somewhat for the spring.

— Wm. M. Evarts, Esq., the distinguished lawyer of New York, carries on a farm in Windsor, Vt., and has taken the prize for farms in that county. His farm account shows thrift and enterprise.

— Ole Bull is still violining at the West.

— Jas. R. Ingersoll, a distinguished citizen of Philadelphia, and once Minister to England, recently died at the age of eighty-two.

— Why is a sheep like a cheated person? Because it is *fleeced*.

MASSACHUSETTS CHEESE FACTORY ASSOCIATION.

Reported for the Ploughman

The Massachusetts Cheese Manufacturers' Association held their annual meeting at the Town Hall in West Brookfield, on Thursday, Feburary 20th, 1868. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President.—Hollis Tidd, of New Braintree.

Vice Presidents.—D. S. Ellis, of Warren; J. F. Davis, of Barre.

Secretary.—N. S. Hubbard, Brimfield.

Treasurer.—E. F. Hamilton, New Braintree.

Eight Factories reported, viz., Barre Central, Barre Cheese Company, Hardwick Centre, New Braintree, Wilbraham, Worcester County at Warren, Coy's Hill at Warren, and Warren Cheese Company, at Warren.

These Factories received 14,053,136 pounds of milk, and made 1,447,355 pounds of cheese. It took from 9.29 to 10.40 pounds of milk for one pound of cheese. Coy's Hill in Warren, was the least, and Wilbraham the highest.

Barre Central received 2,366,456 pounds of milk, and made 248,023 pounds of cheese. It took 9.50 pounds of milk for one pound of cheese. Whole expense of manufacturing materials, freight and marketing $2.38 per 100 pounds. Nett price $12.01 per 100 pounds. They also report a nett profit on hogs of $203.78.

Barre Cheese Company received 2,295,834 pounds of milk, and made 240,328 pounds of cheese. It took 9.55 pounds of milk, for one pound of cheese. Whole expense of manufacturing materials, freight and marketing $2.60 per 100 pounds. Nett price per 100 pounds, 12.05.

They also report a nett profit on hogs of $191.98.

Hardwick Centre received 2,485,585 pounds of milk, and made 264,267 pounds of cheese. It took 9.40 pounds of milk for one pound of cheese. Whole expense of manufacturing, materials, freight and marketing, $2.51 per 100 pounds. It took 9.90 pounds of milk for one pound of cheese.

Nett price per 100 pounds $11.82.

Wilbraham Factory received 610,184 pounds of milk, and made 58,670 pounds of cheese. It took 10.40 pounds of milk for one pound of cheese. Whole expense of manufacturing and materials, $2.00 per 100 pounds.

Income per 100 pounds $14.50. (Probably the sales.)

Worcester County Factory at Warren, received 2,045,200 pounds of milk, and made 202,239 pounds of cheese. It took 10.11 pounds of milk for one pound of cheese. Whole expense of manufacturing and material, $2.35 per 100 pounds.

Nett price per 100 pounds, $12.2776.

Coy's Hill Factory, Warren, received 289,079 pounds of milk, and made 24,174 pounds of cheese. It took 9.29 pounds of milk for one pound of cheese. Whole expense of manufacturing, materials, freight and marketing, $2.744 per 100 pounds.

Nett price per 100 pounds 11.446.

Warren Factory at Warren, received 498,741 pounds of milk, and made 50,384 pounds of cheese. It took 9.90 pounds of milk for one pound of cheese. Expense of manufacturing, $1.13 per 100 pounds.

Nett price per 100 pounds, $11.24.

Amount of capital invested $40,181.23.

Barre Central, $7,500; Barre Cheese Company, $5,053.23; Hardwick Centre, $4,250; New Braintree, $8,000; Wilbraham, $2,500; Worcester County, Warren, $4,600; Coy's Hill, at Warren, $5,500; Warren, at Warren, $2,778—Total, $40,-181.23.

Latest Foreign News.

BY TELEGRAPH.

LONDON, Feb. 19. The House of Commons this evening passed a bill for the continued suspension of the writ of habeas corpus in Ireland.

The leading members of the Liberal party propose to give a farewell dinner to the United States Minister, Hon. Charles Francis Adams.

LONDON, Feb. 19. Despatches and letters from Lisbon represent that the political agitation in Portugal continues. The new Government is very unpopular, and tumults are reported in various parts of the country.

LONDON, Feb. 20. Advices to the 1st of January have been received here from the English captives in Abyssinia. At that time they were all safe and well.

LONDON, Feb. 21. George Francis Train delivered his first lecture at Dublin last evening. It was very thinly attended. Measures had been taken by the authorities for the preservation of the peace. The correspondent of one of the morning journals, in alluding to the lecture, says as a speculation it was an entire failure.

In the House of Commons this evening Mr. Disraeli gave an explicit denial to the report that the expenditures already incurred by the Abyssinian expedition exceed the estimates laid before the House at its last session by the Government.

Lord Stanley made an explanation in regard to Mexico. He said that diplomatic relations with that country have been suspended, for the reason that last September the Mexican Government declined all intercourse with those powers which recognized the late empire.

Sir Stafford Northcote, Secretary of State for India, said the latest letters received from Gen. Napier gave reason to hope that the war in Abyssinia would be ended this season.

The Coroner's jury have concluded a protracted investigation of the explosion at the Clerkenwell House of Detention, and today rendered their verdict. They bring a charge of murder against the prisoners Burrell, English, O'Keefe, Muloney, the two Desmonds, and others whose names have not yet been made known. The verdict concluded by severely censuring the Metropolitan police in the Clerkenwell district for lack of security and vigilance.

Mr. Hunt, Under Secretary of the Treasury, has informed the House of Commons that the operation of the new postal treaty between Great Britain and the United States has been temporarily suspended, but only to enable both Governments to revise certain points which have been mutually overlooked, and which it was necessary to set right.

LONDON, Feb. 23. Mr. William Forster has given notice that on Friday, the 28th inst., he will call the attention of the House of Commons to the state of the naturalization laws, and to the right of self-expatriation.

The Independent Belge, of Saturday, has an article on the prospects of peace in Europe. It expresses the general feeling of apprehension which prevails in saying that the vast military preparations which are now going on in all parts of France are of a character and on a scale which lead to the conviction that they are designed to meet other purposes than those of national defence.

A tremendous gale prevails on the west coast of England and Wales. The great breakwater at Holyhead, a massive stone pier 900 feet long, has been carried away by the waves and the lights have disappeared. No disasters to shipping have been reported up to this hour.

PARIS, Feb, 23. The *fete* given by the United States Minister, Gen. Dix, last night in celebration of Washington's birthday was a very brilliant affair. A great crowd of American and foreign guests attended. Many French and other European notabilities were present. The decorations were superb and appropriate to the occasion. No speeches were made.

FLORENCE, Feb. 23. Admiral Farragut met with an enthusiastic reception last week from the Government and people of Venice. From the latter he went to Milan and Genoa, whence He next goes to Naples, having accepted he will proceed to Athens, where official invitations to visit [illegible].

LONDON, Feb. 24. Charles E. Stewart, chairman of the board of directors of the Anglo American Telegraph Company, died suddenly of apoplexy in the board room, Wednesday last.

In the House of Lords to-night, the bill renewing the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus in Ireland was advanced to a second reading. In the debate to which the bill gave rise, Earls Russell and Grey spoke at length, advocating reform in Ireland in both State and church. Speeches in reply were made by the Earls of Hardwicke and Ellenborough and the Marquis of Westmeath.

LONDON, Feb. 25. Earl Derby has resigned his office of Premier, on account of continued ill health, and his resignation has been accepted by the Queen. Mr. Disraeli has been directed to form a new cabinet, thus being placed in the office as successor to Earl Derby, at the head of the government.

THE MARKETS.

The market for nearly all the articles of daily consumption continues to improve, and we advance our quotations to correspond.

Ashes—Market steady, with small stocks of both kinds. We quote sales of Pots at 9@9½c, and Pearls at 11@11½c ₱ lb.

Butter, Cheese and Eggs—The Butter market continues to improve as the supply diminishes, and prices for all grades must again be quoted higher. Choice is very firm and sales quick at our quotations. The Cheese market is firm, but without change in prices. Eggs remain as quoted last week.

Cotton—The cotton market is active and excited, with large speculative transactions, and prices have further advanced about 3c, which makes an aggregate rise of full 10c ₱ lb since the commencement of the season.

Coal—Market quiet and steady. Picton and Sydney are scarce, and cargo prices are nominally $8 25@8 50 ₱ ton. Sydney and Pennsylvania grate coal are selling in retail lots at $15 ₱ ton for the former, and $13 50 for the latter. English Cannel is nearly out of the market, and lots for present delivery are wanted at very full prices, with sales at $22@24 ₱ ton for large and small lots on the spot, and at $18@20 to arrive. Cumberland is selling at $8 ₱ ton. Anthracite is in steady demand for consumption. We quote sales in large and small lots, by retail, at $8 50@9 ₱ ton.

Dry Goods—The market for cotton goods continues to improve, and there is apparently no abatement in the demand from all branches of the trade. Standard brown sheetings are 1½c higher, and now held at 19c. Other grades of sheetings and shirtings have advanced in about the same proportion. Bleached sheetings and shirtings are very scarce, and the fine, wide makes are fully 2c higher than last quoted, with a pressing demand from consumers and the trade. The print market is moderately active, and prices have advanced, but buyers are not prepared to take lots at the enhanced rates. Other styles of cotton goods are very unsettled and prices are steadily tending up, with a brisk demand for all seasonable fabrics. The market for woolen goods exhibits a cheering improvement, but sales have been mostly in small lots and manufacturers are not pressing their products.

Flour—The flour market continues very quiet, with business confined to the immediate wants of consumers and the trade. We quote Western superfine at $8 75@9 50; common extra, $9 75@10 50; standard do, $10 50@11; medium do, including good bakers brands, $11@12; fancy brands do, $11 75@12 25; new Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Northern Illinois, $13 50@14 for good to choice brands; St. Louis medium and good, $12 50@13 75; choice and fancy brands do, $14@17 ₱ bbl. Fresh ground Boston brands of flour are selling at $15 50@16 ₱ bbl for choice quality. Canada flour is coming forward in small lots, and extra red wheat brands are selling at $8 @ bbl, gold, in bond, for export, and white wheat do, at $14@14 50, currency, for consumption. California flour is selling at $14 75@15 25 ₱ bbl, as to quality. Southern flour is in moderate demand and firm, with small sales of good and choice family brands of Richmond and Baltimore at $12 50@15 50 ₱ bbl. Corn Meal is lower, and selling at $6 12½@6 25 ₱ bbl for good shipping brands. Rye flour is in fair request and firm at $5 50@9 25 ₱ bbl for common and extra grades. Buckwheat is selling at $4 75@5 ₱ 100 lbs.

Grain—Corn market quiet and unchanged with small receipts and a very moderate demand. Sales of Southern yellow at $1 38@1 40; and Southern white at $1 35 ₱ bushel in small lots. In Western mixed, sales 20,000 bushels at $1 42@1 44, and choice mixed and yellow at $1 35@1 36 ₱ bushel. Western White is selling at $1 31@1 32 ₱ bush. Oats are steady and in moderate demand, with sales of Southern and Canada at 87@90c; and Western at 90@92c ₱ bush. Rye is quiet with small sales at $1 75@1 80 ₱ bush. Barley is nominally $1 50@2 ₱ bushel for Canada East and West. In Shorts, sales at $41@43; Fine Feed at $44@45; and Middlings at $47@50 ₱ ton.

Hay—With increased railroad receipts, Hay has become more plenty, and the market is a shade easier. We quote Northern and Eastern pressed at $23@27 ₱ ton.

Hides—Market firm, with an active demand for desirable grades. Sales 10,000 Buenos Ayres, to arrive, at 19c; 6,000 Buenos Ayres at 20c for cow and 17c, gold, for seconds; 2,000 Corrientes at 18½c, gold; 1,500 Buenos Ayres, at 22c, currency; 1,500 Montevideo, to arrive from New York, at 19c, gold; 9,000 Sierra Leone at 37½c, currency; 5,000 African at 30c for Gambier and 22c for Bissau and Rio Nunez; 500 Chili on private terms; 1,200 wet salted Western cow at 12½c; and 200 New Orleans ox a shade over 11c ₱ lb, currency.

Hops—Market firm with a steady demand, and sales of choice grades domestic at a range of 40@55c, and foreign at 40@58c ₱ lb.

Lumber—Market steady, with a gradually improving demand for home consumption, particularly for building purposes.

Molasses—Market quiet, with a fair supply of the new crop, which is mostly held above the views of buyers. Sales 75 hhds Surinam at 48c; small lots of new clayed Cuba at 40c; new Matanzas Muscovado at 50c; 100 hhds Remedios at 41c, delivered in New York; 200 hhds at 39c for sour, and 41@46c for common and good Cuba Muscovado; and 20 hhds Demerara at 57c ₱ gal.

Naval Stores—The market for Spirits Turpentine is firm at a further advance, with sales 200 bbls at 67@69c ₱ gal. Tar is in demand and firm, with sales 350 bbls at $3 25, and 100 at $3 50 ₱ bbl, to arrive. Rosin is in active demand, and prices are materially higher. Sales 2,000 bbls No. 2 at $3 25@3 50, part to arrive; 600 bbls do at $3 50@3 75; No. 1 is held at $4@4 50, and pale at $5 50@6 ₱ bbl. Pitch is quiet at previous rates.

Oil—Linseed has further advanced, with large sales at $1 15, and subsequent small transactions at $1 18@1 20 ₱ gal. Lard Oil is firm and in fair demand, with sales at $1 20@1 25 for extra Western, $1@1 10 for No. 1. Boston extra is selling at 1 25@1 30 ₱ gal. Fish Oils are firm, with a good demand for export, and further sales at 23 00@26 00 ₱ bbl for Shore, Bank and Straits. Sperm Oil is firmer, with small stocks and a speculative demand. We note sales of Crude at 2 05@2 10 ₱ gal, and Refined at 2 20@225 for unbleached, and 2 30@2 35 for bleached. Whale is in good request with sales of Crude at 65@70c; Refined at 80@85c ₱ gallon.

Paraffine Products—Paraffine Oil is selling at a range of 32@45c ₱ gallon; Downer's Pure do 60c; do Machinery Oil, 55c; Secomb Spindle Oil, 1 00; Crude Paraffine Wax, 11@12c ₱ lb; Refined do, 30c; Candles, 33@35c ₱ lb.

Provisions—Pork and Lard are very firm, and prices have further advanced as will be seen by our quotations in another column. Beef is in fair demand and steady, with small stock and fair prices.

Seeds—Grass Seeds are in better demand, with sales of Clover at 13@14c ₱ lb, Herds Grass at 3 00@3 25 ₱ bush, and Red top at 2 90@3 25 ₱ bag.

Sugar—The market is a shade easier, with increased receipts of the new crop. Stocks are very light, and good lots of refining grades are wanted at full prices. Sales 1,000 boxes Cuba No. 12 to 20, at 12½@13c; 300 boxes Muscovado at 12½c; 250 boxes prime whites at 15½c; 850 hhds new crop Cuba at 12½@13c; part good refining at 12½c, and 70 hhds green Cuba at 11½c ₱ lb. We

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A thoroughly authentic history of Salem Witchcraft, has yet to be written. In the books treating of the subject, the atrocities that were perpetrated by the Witch-Finders were classed as almost parallelled offences, because committed under the delusion that the victims were gifted with supernatural powers, and could at will inflict any person with the most direful physical and mental afflictions—such as blindness, deformity, or insanity. In those days every person who suddenly became ill, at once proclaimed that he was bewitched, and began regardless to mind the female on whom he had last called, and who, it was thought, had prostrated him by the power of Witchcraft.

The neglected party a, was natural, generally found to be some unfortunate woman against whom the invalid had long harbored a spirit of unkindness. The relatives of the sick person were after listening to the story of to be bewitched, they could afflicted their suffering relations to submit to

THE WITCH-FINDER'S TEST.

The tests were as numerous as they were atrocious and diabolical, and frequently resulted in the death of the victim. When proved guilty of witchcraft, death by the most cruel means was of course the sentence; but it was not a rare occurrence for

THE WITCH-FINDER'S TEST

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She would be dragged to the nearest river, and pitched in at a considerable distance from the shore, in the most public part of the stream, in keeping her head above the surface of the water, that was considered *positive evidence that she was a witch*, and she would be *stoned to death* as she struggled with the remorseless waves. In this test the poor people of the town would assemble to witness *what she could not swim*, and therefore could be rid of as *in fact* innocent or guilty, it was considered by the people, she *proved* herself innocent; but if it appeared probable that she could save her life by swimming, she was *stoned to death* as a witch, or *drowned*!

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THE HUNTED MAIDEN.

Another interesting personage of those times was Gertrude Thorndyke, the daughter of a colonial merchant—a beautiful and noble hearted girl, whom the Rev. Samuel Parris persecuted with his witch-finders, after discovering her to be a Witch.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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To the Heirs-at-Law, Next-of-Kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of STEVENS HAYWARD, late of Acton, in said County, deceased. Greeting:

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by WILLIAM W. STEVENS, of Acton, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him the executor therein named.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper published in the Massachusetts Ploughman, the last publication to be two days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-fifth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

feb 29-3t J. H. TYLER, Register.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of JOEL BIXBY, late of HOPKINTON, in said County, deceased. Greeting:

WHEREAS, SILAS BIXBY, the Administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first account of his administration of the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be holden at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fourth Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said Silas is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week in the Massachusetts Ploughman, a newspaper printed at Boston, three weeks successively, the last publication to be before said Court.

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To the Heirs-at-Law, and all persons interested in the estate of JEREMIAH BUTLER, late of Stoneham, in said County, deceased. Greeting:

WHEREAS, JEREMIAH BUTLER, the Guardian of said minor, has presented his petition for license to sell certain real estate therein described, of his said ward for investment:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be holden at Cambridge, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted, and said Jeremiah Butler is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week in the Massachusetts Ploughman, a newspaper printed at Boston, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days, at least, before said Court.

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IN THY GOOD TIME.

BY C. E. S. PARKER.

In thy good time, dear Lord, in Thy good time,
I shall find rest,
Far from the strife and tumult of the world,
In regions blest.

After the heat and turmoil of the day,
The quiet night,
With fragrant breeze, while silver stars look down,
With softened light.

After the heat and burden of Life's day,
The quiet grave;
Rest for the weary frame and aching head,
Where sweet flowers wave.

After the storm upon the billow's deep,
The gentle calm—
Fierce winds are hushed, and soothing gales steal down
Like healing balm.

After the storm upon life's billows deep
I still find peace—
That blessed peace, in realms of holy joy,
Where sorrows cease.

In patience, Lord, I wait for Thy good time
When thou wilt come
To take me to Thy everlasting rest,
My heavenly home.

THE HOUSEHOLD LAMP.

When suns decline, and crickets sing,
And wandering mists from seaward roam,
When nights no heavenly beacons bring,
Then brightest shines the star of home!

When the brown brooks, with music low,
Watch summers die and autumns come,
When stately golden rods must bow,
What cheer is in that light of home!

When winter strips the shuddering trees,
And chills the wavelet's wanton foam,
When in the world's cold grasp we freeze,
How blest is then that star of home!

—Atlantic Monthly for March.

Ladies' Department.

How Mr. Prince Managed His Wife.

A DOMESTIC SKETCH.

BY GERTRUDE HEIN.

Wives require managing as well as husbands. Nobody is perfect. Not even the fair members of the best half of creation can be counted uniformly wise, and free from all objection. That is the reason (don't push it too far) why the women (I don't mean myself) are more beautiful than the men. The poet writes thus—or something like it:—

If to her share some human error fall,
Look on her face, and you forget them all.

What is the use of beauty, pray, if you may not presume a little upon it?

So Mrs. Prince, a dear, good creature, the best of wives (her husband says): and as a mother, unsurpassed (her children think), had her little inconvenient failings. To Mother Goose her goslings are all cygnets. By the same rule, to the cygnets the mother is always a swan. To the husband the wife is always the very best wife—he has! And, to the wife, her husband is the very best man—she owns! If married people are sensible, they persuade themselves that they are the best suited couple in the world. Adherence steadfastly to the said opinion, they make a *fact* which outsiders may suspect is only a delusion. If a delusion, it is a pleasant one; and furnishes the only comfortable lining for the matrimonial joke, which has yet been discovered.

In all quiet houses, there must be connubial managing on both sides. A scold may carry her point by dint of clamor. A tyrant of a husband may accomplish his by downright violence. But this is not management. It is lamentable want of management. So a crafty woman, or a wily man may be successful by underhand subtlety or evasion; and the defeated party, discovering the cheat, will be sulkily annoyed, or furiously irate. Neither is this management. The true way is not only to effect your purpose, but to make it appear so obviously the best thing, that the other side will concede that what you have procured or promoted is precisely what she or he desired.

Mrs. Prince was a prudent woman. But she was what our New England friends call "set in her ways," and what she did not like, she *would* not like; and what she did not understand, she would not learn—unless she chose. Present the thing to her in the most luminous aspect, and she maintained it was still opaque. Now, as we have said, she was a prudent woman. She had no objection to insurance against fire, in the abstract—but she would still think the money paid was thrown away. As to Life Insurance—but we will let the incidents tell their own story.

Harry Prince was proud of his wife and his children. He liked to see them becomingly attired; and he *would* have the table well furnished, for themselves, and for himself. Mrs. Prince was continually interposing her veto, which was not always overridden. Mrs. P. was constantly hinting at the necessity of making provision for future exigencies. She was thinking, too, of the possibility of sickness or of death. All these things annoyed Harry Prince; and the more, since he had made provision against the calamity of her widowhood, and did not dare to tell her. "If you should die, Harry, what would become of us?" she would sometimes ask, when we persisted upon an expense to which she demurred. And then he would shrug his shoulders and say: "Why, Sally, you must meet that contingency when it arrives, since you will not suffer me to provide against it."

This was the nearest to a "tiff" that they ever approached. To understand it, we must go back a little. Once on a day, Mr. Prince and a friend were comparing notes, as all young married men will. (So, young wives, be careful! But then you all do the same thing, and you know it.) The particular turn which the conversation took was on the question how, in the event of the death of the husbands, their wives would be able to meet the buffets of an unfriendly world. And the result of the conference was that the two gentlemen took out Life Assurance Policies.

"But," suggested the friend, "ought we not to consult our wives?"

"Yes," said Prince, "after we have perfected the arrangements beyond recall, except by loss of the first year's premium." (N. B. Prince had been married the longest.)

And so, when the blanks were all filled, and the queries answered, and the examining physicians had given their opinions, and Prince was pronounced a first rate risk; and after the policy, duly stamped, sealed, and certified was locked up in his fireproof, Mr. Henry Prince took his way home, quite undecided how the facts of the proceeding were to be communicated.

"My dear," he said at tea time, "don't you think it would be well for me to get insured?"

Six little pairs of eyes looked up in astonished inquiry. Six little ears were ready, from mother's answer, to judge what father's getting insured could possibly mean. And one pair of elder eyes spake terrified deprecation of any such topic of conversation "before the children."

Before the children? What a tyrannous abridgement of liberty of speech is the existence of those said children! We were going to say presence, but in our American households existence of children usually means presence, whenever father is at home. Perhaps it is the best custom—but best or worst, the mode usually is, that the children shall be decidedly evident while the parents are awake. The idea of shelving them in their cots at a reasonable hour, and leaving some little time undisturbed, is an obsolete barbarity. Perhaps it may be just as cruel to suffer them to lose their natural rest, and to hang about till they are too sleepy to be tolerable. I only know that I went into nightly seclusion by the sound of the clock, whether I pleaded not sleepy, or not. Young America has greater privileges in these days and among them the chance to keep awake to as long as any one else—and at any rate to be intolerable to the last moment.

"Before the children," Mr. Prince understood the look, even before the remark was made that "such subjects might as well be discussed at some other time." Two little heads concluded that father was "very improper," they could not exactly understand why; and a third little head wondered mother, as sometimes happened in the expansive of younger children, she would get a whipping when he went to bed. The subject was not resumed while the children were present; and as their watchfulness covered all waking hours, the matter was deferred, to come up in order at the hour improved by the immortal Mrs. Caudle.

There is, says a quaint old proverb, "luck in leisure," and Mr. Prince, who perceived that he was in a dilemma, improved his leisure in arranging a plan of campaign—a system of strategy or management. He had a mind to be provoked, but concluded rather to be amused; and, though disposed to think his good wife overwise and hypercritpulous, he laughed to himself as he pretended to read the evening paper. The children soon forgot all about the terrible subject that had almost been broached; but Mrs. Prince's face and manner betokened that she did not think her husband would live the week out! She had the same horror of Life Assurance that some people have of making a will; that to execute the document is equivalent to signing your death warrant.

To every weariness there is one end, and the hour came at last when every infant voice in the house was hushed, and the coronet of Somnus rested on every childish temple. Then, you think, the subject came up? Not in a hurry. These two persons practised Fabian tactics; the contest is one of masterly inactivity. There were several unfinished questions to be disposed of before the last mentioned topic was in order. Mr. Prince was so full of schemes that it kept his good wife busy all the day to devise what she would say to him while the children slept. And he was wise enough to let her carry all the small points, at the appearance of great effort, while his own mind was made up to submission from the beginning. In that way he managed her; losing many a skirmish in order to win a battle. But the man was, on the whole, well disposed, so that after all it made little difference.

At last, all the minor points disposed of, and Mrs. Prince being flushed and happy with victory, she came down on the Life Assurance question, like a hawk on a chicken. "What could possess you, Henry, to mention such a thing before the children?"

"Why—what do you mean?"

"You know that I regard all such transactions as tempting Providence. It is like betting on your own existence, and winning the stakes for your heirs, by losing your own life! I never could enjoy such money so obtained—*never!* and here Sarah's voice was a little choked.

"Bless you, little woman, I never thought of it in any such light, and cannot see how you should! Why, there's our friend Simpson, his life is insured, and he never made a bet since he was born; not even of a big apple. And there's Jones, and Smith, and"—

"Never mind, Henry, you need not follow a multitude to do evil. And Simpson, you say—what folly! I suppose he pays a hundred dollars every year."

"Three hundred."

"Three! And with his limited income! Starving himself and his family, and putting his money where it will do nobody any good.'

"Not when he dies?"

"What a horrid thought! As if money could make up for the loss of a husband and father!"

"Nevertheless it is convenient to widows and orphans."

"Nonsense, Henry! Don't let me hear any more of it."

"No, mum!" Henry said, with mock penitence, and pretended to go to sleep. Mrs. Prince went on, and dreamed that her husband had invested all he had in an Egyptian pyramid, and died, and left her a lawsuit for the possession.

Messrs. Simpson and Prince had a hearty laugh the next day, when they compared the history of their domestic conversations; which were wonderfully alike. Each decided on the same course. As policies quietly rested in their fire proofs, and Prince could repose in the hearts of the maternal there and maternal Simpson. No less were the peace and confidence in the minds of the two husbands, who had done what every man of prudence and honest poverty is bound to do, if he would provide for his own household.

Weeks passed—months—a year. Mrs. Simpson had looked at Mrs. Prince with a reserved pity, as on a woman whose marketing and pin money were abridged by a very useless expense, the fault of her husband. And Mrs. Prince, in like manner regarded Mrs. Simpson as one whose maternal right to alimony was trespassed upon. But as neither lady was herself conscious of any pecuniary suffering, and as Mrs. Prince, in particular, wondered how her husband could be so careless of the future with a young family, we fancy that the pity of each lady for the other's destitution, was to some extent misplaced.

A year had passed. Opening his morning paper Mr. Prince gave an expression of pain. The sudden death of his friend Simpson was recorded. His wife's eyes suffused with tears, as she looked round upon her family group, and thought that the bolt might have fallen upon their own happy household—that, indeed, the day must come when the entrance of death would break their circle of domestic peace.

Little was said at breakfast. During the long forenoon Mrs. Prince thought of the widow and children, their helpless and almost destitute condition. It was hours before she remembered the Life Assurance at all; and though at first the memory came with a sort of protest, she reasoned herself into the admission that it was certainly fortunate, under the circumstances. Then she mentally corrected fortunate to providential; and, while she mused, her husband came in.

She was the first to speak of their deceased friend's family, and to ask respecting the policy. Mr. Simpson's foresight had secured his family from abject poverty; and though, of course, nothing had as yet been said to the widow, the hearts of those who cared for her were relieved, when they found that he whom she loved had proved himself thoughtful, far seeing, and considerate. His praise was on all their lips, and his own personal friends found, in this act of his life, a justification of their good opinion.

"Perhaps," said Mrs. Prince, that evening to her husband, in their hour of domestic quiet, "perhaps, Henry, I was wrong in objecting to your taking out a policy."

"Perhaps you were, my dear."

And then there was silence for some time. O, Harry Prince, how could you tease your wife so? She said no more. What could she say?

"Do you really think Life Assurance *wrong?*" he asked, at length.

"Not quite—perhaps—but then—it *seems* dreadful."

"So is death," he answered, "and much more so. And it is sinful not to make provision for those you love, while you can."

"If you wish to take out a policy, for your own conscience and comfort, I will not object," she said, at length.

"I did so—a year ago," he answered.

"Why, Harry! You artful wretch!"

She put her arms round his neck, and her face very near to his. But I don't think she bit him.

So he had managed her. Just now she is managing him, by laying by a fund, the interest of which shall pay his annual premium. She thinks he does not know what he is doing. But men with managing wives of the right sort, find them out, and countermine. Harry is trying what he can do, toward that same fund, and when he discovers that their joint savings will make the necessary sum, he will match her management with his own. May I be there to hear when the double plot is discovered.—*Godey's Lady's Book.*

UNAPPRECIATED TALENTS.

In one of his discourses in the Church of the Strangers, Dr. Deems held forth in the following wholesome style:

"A man that hath any truth in him important to be given to his generation need not much concern himself as to where he shall speak it. With what twaddle about unappreciated genius are we frequently sickened. Young men put their hair in the middle, down their collars, indulge in excesses until they grow poetically pale, and go whining among weak school misses about the cold world. And others dream that if they had only such a position in such a city, such an editor's place, such a pulpit, such a theatre of display, they would shake the world. Many a young preacher in an obscure country parish has this temptation. Many a young poet, who cannot secure a publisher, goes into this fog. But it is all a mistake. It is a shrewd old world with which we have to deal, and it generally knows the price of things. There is little unappreciated genius, little worth keeping that the world allows itself to lose, and no uttered sentence worth remembering has ever been forgotten. The world may appreciate some things too highly for a season, but in the long run the value of all things comes to be ascertained. If you have on your side a power that is a live voice, hath specific utterance articulate speech for the human heart, you may print an edition of only one copy on brown grocer's paper, and give it to a boot black and go your way, and live or die, but that true musical thought of yours will surely get itself repeated to the generations to come. Go, walk up and down in the wilderness, and say your say and cry your cry, and just as sure as the truth is in it, it will empty the city and fetch the people to your voice, or else God, who has most special providence of truth, will set you and your voice and your cry down in the very heart of that city, to shake it. Away with your talk about not being appreciated. Whenever a man in any society talks about his talents being neglected, we may be sure that they deserve to be neglected."

☞ He that can travel well afoot keeps a good horse.

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ETHER AND CHLOROFORM.

In modern times the first great, very great, step forward in surgery, was the introduction of what the doctors call *anæsthetic* agents, or the use of chloroform and ether. A just idea of this inestimable boon to suffering humanity cannot be better arrived at than by first imagining one's self in a surgical amphitheatre twenty-five years ago, during an operation,—an amputation, for instance. Observe the writhing of that human form as the keen two-edged knife pierces the quivering flesh; listen to the harsh grating of the surgeon's saw as it separates the living bone and hear those agonizing groans, and shrieks, and prayers for mercy! Then, visit to day any well conducted hospital or college, and witness a similar operation. The patient is placed upon his bed, a handkerchief saturated with the anæsthetic is applied to the nostrils, and a slumber steals over him so deep, so profound, that not a muscle moves as the knife goes through the flesh, not a quiver passes through his frame, not a prayer to God or man for help, not a groan escapes him. He wakes from his slumber to find himself comfortably arranged in his bed, without a single unpleasant sensation of any note, and totally unconscious of the operation he has undergone. I can recall instances wherein the sufferer has awakened from his lethargy, and, looking up with imploring eyes, has asked: "Are you not almost ready to begin?" "*Begin?* Why, my dear sir, the operation is over, is successful, and you will soon be well again." I can see now, while I write these lines, the tears of gratitude and of hope that slowly trickle down the cheeks of the unfortunate victims of disease or accident, and forthwith I turn to my big bottle of chloroform (Ducan and Lockhart's best Scotch), and take a congratulatory whiff from pure admiration, respect, and thankfulness.

But there are other very great advantages to be derived from these anæsthetics. No surgeon in the olden time could have performed those difficult and protracted operations on the living body which are, from the frequency of their occurrence now, justly considered the triumphs of modern surgery; and simply because it would have been utterly impossible for the patient to keep himself, or be kept by others, in a quiet position during a prolonged and painful dissection, where knives and probes and forceps are thrust in and out of gaping and bleeding wounds. The human system in most cases would succumb to the *shock* of the prolonged agony, in an operation of two, three, or four hours' duration, when every second seems a minute, and every minute an hour.

The two anæsthetic agents which are now most in use among surgeons are ether and chloroform,—some preferring one, and some the other; others using a compound of both. From time immemorial the surgeon's knife has possessed such terror for mankind, that many have been the attempts to diminish the torture of operations. Even as far back as the thirteenth century the idea of *painless* operations was carefully considered. In a curious old surgical treatise by one Theodoric, the recipe is found for the preparation of an article called *spongia somnifera*, which was said to accomplish the desired result. Pliny and Dioscorides speak of the mandragore, or mandrake, as being steeped in wine to cause insensibility to pain.

The discovery of modern anæsthetics belongs to America. On the 30th day of December, 1846, at No. 19 Tremont Row, Boston, a man named Frost had a tooth extracted without pain by Dr. Morton, and a new era commenced in the surgical world. Chloroform belongs to England. On the 4th of November, 1847, it was discovered by Sir J. Y. Simpson of Edinburg; Drs. Keith and Ducan being present at the time. The blessings of the *appropriate* application of these agents are not fully appreciated, because those outside the pale of the profession rarely have time or opportunity to witness the wonderful effects produced thereby. Think, dear reader, of a man having on his back an excrescence larger than a knapsack, and occupying the same position that accoutrement would on the human body,—a tumor that had bowed his head upon his breast for twenty years, and had never permitted him to sleep in any position except lying on his face,—a tumor filled with blood vessels, and the growth of which was attended with excruciating pain. Think of such a man in the hands of two surgeons,—one on each side of the table,—with their shining knives cutting deeply into the flesh,—think of him lying thus for three consecutive hours, and find the horrible burden gone when he awoke from his insensibility!

TRUST, AND DO RIGHT.

Courage, brother, and do not stumble,
Though thy path be dark as night;
There's a star to guide the humble;
"Trust in God, and do the right."

Let the road be rough and dreary,
And its end far out of sight,
Foot it bravely; strong or weary,
"Trust in God, and do the right."

Some will hate thee, some will love thee,
Some will flatter, some will slight;
Cease from man, and look above thee;
"Trust in God, and do the right."

A CALCULATING BRIDEGROOM.

I've known some very mean men in my time. There was Deacon Overreach; now he was so mean he always *carried* a hen in his gig box when he traveled to pick up the oats his horse wasted in the manger, and lay an egg for his breakfast in the morning. And then there was Hugo Himmelman, who made his wife dig potatoes to pay for the marriage license. I must tell you that story of Hugo, for it is not a bad one, and good stories, like potatoes, ain't as plenty as they used to be when I was a boy. Hugo is a neighbor of mine, though considerably older than I be, and a mean neighbor he is too. Well, when he was going to get married to Gretchen Kulp, he goes down to Parson Rogers, at Digby, to get a license.

"Parson," said he, "what is the price of a license?"

"Six dollars," said he.

"Six dollars!" said Hugo, "that's a dreadful sum of money! Couldn't you take less?"

"No," said he, "that's what they cost me at the Secretary's office at Halifax."

"Well, how much do you ax for publishin' in church, then?"

"Nothing," said the parson.

"Well," said Hugo, "that's so cheap I can't expect to get any change back. I think I'll be published. How long does it take?"

"Three Sundays."

"Three Sundays," says Hugo; "well, that's a long time, too. But three Sundays only make a fortnight after all; two for the covers and one for the inside like; and six dollars is a great amount of money for a poor man to throw away."

So off he went, jogging toward home feeling about as mean as a new sheared sheep—when all at once a bright thought came into his head, and back he went as fast as his horse could carry him.

"Parson," said he, "I've changed my mind. Here's the six dollars; I'll tie the knot to-night with my tongue that I cannot untie with my teeth."

"Why, what in natur' is the meaning of all this?"

"Why," said Hugo, "I've been a 'cipherin' it out in my head, and it's cheaper than publishing after all. You see, sir, it's potato diggin' times; if I wait to be called in church, her father will have her work for nothing, and as hands are scarce and wages big, if I marry her to-night she can begin to dig our own to-morrow, and that will pay for the license and save seven shillings over; for there ain't a man in all Clements that can dig and carry as many bushels a day as Gretchen can. And besides, fresh wives, like fresh servants, work like smoke at first, but they get saucy and lazy after a while."

HE GOT HIS LETTER.

An English paper relates the following: "A letter from the wilds of Cheshire was received one morning, having the simple superscription, 'For moi Son, London.' After passing through a succession of hands, it was at length duly deposited, along with a thousand other letters, at a left-till-called for office, there to await the chapter of accidents. A few days afterwards a simple looking countryman presented himself, and inquired, 'Han yo gotton a letter for me fra moi feythur?' A titter, a whisper, a significant nod of the head on the part of more than one official, then a rummage amongst the pigeon holes, and 'feythur's letter was found and handed to the son, who looked upon the whole proceeding quite as a matter of course."

☞ A western paper says that the editor of its rival sheet was skating recently and broke through the ice. He went in up to his ears but the hole was not large enough to let them through. While he was waiting for some one to take him out his ears froze and they have since been amputated and are used for door mats.

Domestic Economy.

For the Massachusetts Ploughman.

VALUABLE RECIPES.

FROM LADY CONTRIBUTORS.

SOUR MILK CAKE.—One cup of butter, two of sugar, two of sour milk, half a cup of molasses, five cups of flour, one teaspoon of soda—raisins, salt and spice.

HARD GINGERBREAD.—Half a bowl of butter, one bowl of sugar, two of flour, one teaspoon of saleratus dissolved in a little sour milk, two eggs, ginger or nutmeg according to taste.

BOILED BATTER PUDDING.—Three eggs, to one pint of milk. Three tablespoonfuls of flour—eggs and flour beat together; little salt. Boil three-quarters of an hour. To be eaten with sweet sauce.

(From the New York Weekly.)

THE BIG PICKEREL.

BY JOSH BILLINGS.

Everything on earth has an end to it, except a rum suckers throat, and here to-night, in this pretty place, by the light ov the moon, and the stars chattering their light, i solemnly empty mi "milk" can.

Jamestown iz built on the flat ov a side hill, with a small stream at the foot ov it, and altho the stream haz not yet got the growth ov the Hudson river, the two small places, just across this little stream, are called Brooklyn and Hoboken, which lends a classik interest, and a dream ov ferry boats, tew the scene.

At 8 o'clock immediately, I was called for at the hotel, by the president ov the Lyceum, and the corresponding secretary. I found a pair ov frantic ponys, hooked to a zephyr sleigh, pawing the ground for me, and most pertly was I flung along the milk white snow path, glittering beneath the sober looking ov the moon, like a cold solushun ov ising glass, to the Institute Hall, whare, in warm utterly impossible for the patient to keep conference on, at least 600 Jamestowner's, reddy for the fray.

It waz mi last night, i felt like a bran new bride, and mi earnest endeavour waz, that it should be mi best one, whether i made it so, iz locked up at present, in the buzzums ov the brave and butiful, who made funny faces at me awl thru the lektur.

Jamestown has what few towns can boast ov, and that iz a lake, ov the purest water, ciuss up to its back door; and the highest water on earth navigated by steam, and the water chaste enough for a speckled trout to liv in, and navigated by sum ov the heftyest pickrel on the globe.

I waz introduced tew one to-day, whose aldermanick waz nineteen pounds, and a more graceful looking corpse i never gased at with mi eyes.

Theze fish exceed awl other fish in Amerika ov the same perswashun, in fineness ov chisel, they are cut out so raking, and their lines swell from stem tew stern, more bewitchingly artistik, than the lines ov most poetry now doze. Thare iz a kind ov meter, or doxology in them, oz they lay carelessly in the iced larder, that iz only equaled by a mint julep in August, or a Thomas and Jerry, when the 25th ov December.

I kant diskribe what I say, better than that, they look like a leviathan trout, taking a snooze after dinner, on a platter, who haz led a virtuous life, and who iz dreaming ov himself, and his harem, far oph in the pearly juices, that frolik, and spatter through the flower girt gash, that runs through the meadow.

And when on the table, a Chautauque lake pickerel, with the ointment awl right, would make a graven image water at the mouth, and the rising down from his foot stool, and beg for a slice.

Theze pickrel are caught with a spear thru the head, and if you will forgive me, I will tell you how it iz did.

The lake looks like a village, for at this season, it iz built awl over with little houses, no bigger than a sentinal's box, which hav a door tew them, and are lined inside with seats awl around.

A hole is dug through the ice, as big az the front wheel ov a buggy, and the door being shut, the fisherman kan see the smallest pebble at the bottom, even in water 30 foot deep, but the fish kan see nothing but the light in the water, which attrakts him to whare the fisherman sits, playing a dekoy fish with a string, which for awl the world, and 50 dollars in greenbacks besides, in the hands of an expert, iz really alive, and kicking, so natral, and fishy, duz he dive and careen in the water.

Oh, dear Weathersfield, if you could sit by the side of this man, and see him beckon on one ov these monsters, with the gambols ov his little dekoy, nearer and still closer, till hiz huge keel teaches clear across the hole in the ice, and up still up, nearer the surface, till yu kan see the light in hiz eyes, and the scales ov hiz hull, and quiver az yu set, and hear this fisherman talk, az cooly az though he waz coaxing a colt in a pasture, with two ears ov korn, until the nostrils ov the fish almost breaks through the crust ov the water, and then as calmly taking hiz spear, az though it waz a crutch, and with a cold, eagur thought, deep into the meat back ov hiz gills, yu would ake as i did, I am sure yu would, the fust time i saw it done.

The fish kan hear nothing, and see nothing, but the waltzing bait, and cums creeping on, like a cat in a meadow, on the trail ov a mouse; it iz the most uneazy board I ever sat on, iz one ov these benches, in a fish house, while an expert calls a big pickrel up tew hiz phuneral.

It iz awl artistik, if yu a novice, take hold ov the stirring the dekoy will cease tew danse the right kind ov a jig, and the big pickrel will slowly walk back from the fraud, and mix with the water, out ov your sight.

This sport iz one ov those elektricitys, that no man kan reduse tew writing enny more than he kan diskribe, sliding down a steep, and iced pitch, on a barrel stave, yu must be thare, and gaze, and have yure heart beat against both sides ov its cage, like a frightened canary, you must be thare and watch the whole drame, from the fust coquettings ov the dekoy, and the fust slow and watceful, hesitating, pausing, advance ov the big pickrel, from the time hiz nose breaks through the horizon ov the water, far away down, and under the edge ov the ice, till the last ackt, and he iz drawn, struggling like a captured water nymph, from hiz royal and liquor dominions.

So much for Big Pickrel.

Anecdotes.

THE WAY PAT GOT TO BOSTON. Some years ago, a son of the Emerald Isle, in the city of Portland, Me., accosted the captain of a steamer (plying between that city and Boston) to inquire the fare to Boston, when the following colloquy ensued:

"Good mornin', Captain. Could ye be after tellin' me what's the fare to Boshton?"

"Three dollars," answered the captain. "But suppose I wint outside?" "In that case," said the captain, "you can go for two dollars." This was undoubtedly beyond the extent of Pat's worldly possessions; so he scratched his head and looked perplexed for a few moments, when a bright thought seemed to strike him. "I say, captain, dear, what would ye be after takin' a hundred and sixty pounds of freight for?" "Seventy-five cents," replied the captain. "Be jabers, thin ye may put me down, Captain, for I'm jist the boy that weighs that!" The captain turned to the clerk, saying, "Put on the freight list one hundred and sixty pounds of live Irishman, and stow him in the hold."

☞ When Rowland Hill was some years ago in Scotland, he was introduced to an aged minister somewhat resembling himself in piety and eccentricity. The old man looked at him for sometime very earnestly, and at length said: "Weel, I have been looking for sometime at the leen of your face." "And what do you think of it?" said Mr. Hill. "Why I'm thinking that if the grace of God had na changed your heart, you would have been a tremendious rogue." Mr. Hill laughed heartily and said: "Well, you have just hit the nail on the head."

☞ A livery stable keeper named Spurr, would never let a horse go without requesting the *hirer* not to drive fast. One day a young man called to get a turn out to attend a funeral. "Certainly," said Spurr, "but," added he, forgetting the solemn purpose for which the young man required the horse, "don't drive fast." "Why, just look ahere, old fellow," said the somewhat excited young man, "I want you to understand that I shall keep up with the procession if it kills the horse."

☞ During the last bathing season, a pompous individual walked up to the office of a hotel at Long Branch, and with a considerable flourish signed the book, and in a loud voice exclaimed: "I'm Lieutenant Governor of ——." "That doesn't make any difference," says the landlord, "you'll be treated just as well as the others."

☞ An exchange says the ladies would rather face a mad bull, than see have their dresses gored.

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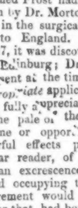

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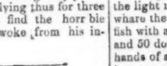
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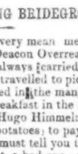
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